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## KOH PHA-NGAN



**K**oh Pha-Ngan is located some 100 kilometers off the coast of Surat Thani and is among the 48 islands of the Ang Thong Channel. According to some historical and archaeological studies, it was either the malayan people from Nakhon Si Thammarat or the Moslems from Pattani who were the first dwellers of the island where so many places were named in Malayan.

Back in the early reign of King Rama V, Koh Pha-Ngan was subordinate to Muang Chaiya, with its town hall situated at Ao Wok Tum. The island was in 1897 annexed to Koh Samui which was separated from Nakhon Si Thammarat to be subordinate to Muang Chaiya. Koh Pha-Ngan is now an Amphoe in Surat Thani Province

### How to get to Koh Pha-Ngan

From Surat Thani, Koh Pha-Ngan is accessible by:

**Express boat**, operated by Song Serm Travel Center Co. Ltd., at Tha Thong Pier, 5 kilometers from Surat Thani. For further details please call Songserm Travel Center Co. Ltd., Tel. (077) 285124-6

**Ferry boat**, operated by Ferry Line Co. Ltd., leaving Tha Thong Pier at 22.00 hrs. and arriving Koh Pha-Ngan at 04.00 hrs. and leaving Koh Pha-Ngan at 12.00 hrs. back to Surat Thani arriving at 17.30 hrs. For more information please contact Ferry Line Co.Ltd., Amphoe Muang, Surat Thani, Tel : (077) 285124-6

**Night Boat** leaving Ban Don Pier at 23.00 hrs.

Note : For those travelling by train from Bangkok, there is bus services of Song Serm Travel Center Co.Ltd., from Surat Thani Railway Station to connect the Express boat to Koh Pha-Ngan

### Location

Koh Pha-Ngan is an Amphoe consisting of 2 dwelled islands, Koh Pha-Ngan and Koh Tao, and is located some 20 kilometers from Koh Samui. Koh Pha-Ngan covers the area of 170 square kilometers and Koh Tao,

some 45 kilometers to the Northwest of Koh Pha-Ngan, covers the area of 25 square kilometers.



- Boundary** - The northern and eastern boundaries stretch to the Gulf of Thailand
- The southern boundary stretches to Amphoe Koh Samui
  - The western boundary stretches to Tha Chana and Lang Suan seas

### Geography

Koh Pha-Ngan is a mountainous island with a strip of plain along its western coast and some small inlets where boats can take shelter during the monsoon. The island is fertile with many streams running into the sea.

- Travelling is not recommended during October to January which is the monsoon season.



- The peak season for tourism falls in February to April.

### **Attractions and Transportation**

**The Holy Footprint at Wat Khao Tham or Suan Suwan Chotikaram on top of Khao Haeng Mountain.** With shady, serene atmosphere the place is ideal for serenity searchers. From here, you can get a sight of the island's mountainous scenery.

**Transportation** Take a taxi car or motorcycle for 3 kms. from Thong Sala to the entrance of the Wat which is located another 1 km. up the mountain.

**Phra Chedi Phukhao Noi** a hilltop pagoda, Phra Chedi Phukhao Noi is one of the most revered sanctuaries of Koh Pha-Ngan where the image of Luang Pho Phet is enshrined.

**Transportation** The chedi is 2 kms. far from the town of Amphoe Koh Pha-Ngan and is accessible by minibus or taxi motorcycle from Thong Sala.

**The Imitation of the Buddha's Holy Footprint at Wat Mathura Wararam (Wat Madua Wan)** is another mountaintop temple among shady and tranquil atmosphere. A big fair is held here annually to pay homage to the Holy Footprint.

**Transportation** By minibus or taxi motorcycle from Thong Sala. The distance is 3 kilometers and the fare is 10-15 baht.



**Than Sadet Waterfall** was named after the visits in the past by 3 Kings of Thailand whose royal monograms were inscribed on a huge rock. Sadet is a Thai word for royalties meaning "to go" or "to visit". The waterfall, splashing breathtakingly down the rocky hill, is renowned among Thai and foreign visitors.

**Transportation** Than Sadet Waterfall is accessible by land and sea. However, boat trip is not available during October-January and land transportation in rainy season is not recommended

**Phaeng Waterfall Forest Park** was declared forest park in 1977 with Phaeng Waterfall being a major attraction. The Waterfall cascades vigorously downstream between forested shady banks.

**Transportation** From Thong Sala, take a taxi car or motorcycle for some 5 kilometers.

**Koh Tae Nai** A small island located some 400 meters off the coast of Thong Sala, Koh Tae Nai is renowned for its white sandy beach with attractive caves and colourful underwater beauty. Taking a row around the island is also available.

**Transportation** Take a 10 minute boat trip from Thong Sala which is located only 1 kilometer from Koh Tae Nai. Boat fare is 10-15 baht.



**Ban Chalok Lam** Chalok Lam is the name of a bay to the North of Koh Pha-Ngan. Chalok Lam Bay provides boat shelter in some periods of the year while in some other, the sea is too wavy and too windy for mooring. When the weather is fine with some 80-100 boats mooring in the bay, Ban Chalok Lam becomes alive with local products including delicious dried squids put on sale.



**Transportation** From Thong Sala, take a mini-bus for some 15 kilometers. The fare is 20 baht each.

**Thong Sala** The largest community of Amphoe Koh Pha-Ngan, Thong Sala is the island's trade hub and starting point to various attractions. The town hall, local police station, banks, travel agencies, hotels, and restaurants are all located here.

**Hat Rin** Located 12 kilometers from the town hall at Tambon Ban Tai, Hat Rin is the island's most renowned beach stretching for some 2 kilometers. Hat Rin is accessible by boat from Thong Sala and Ban Khai. Boat fares are 30 baht and 20 baht respectively.

**Thong Nai Pan Bay** is located in Tambon Ban Tai, 23 kilometers from the town of Koh Pha-Ngan. Its scenic beach is second to Hat Rin only. Thong Nai Pan Bay is accessible by boat and car from Thong Sala but in rainy season, travelling by car is not recommended. The boat and car fares are negotiable.



**Si Thanu Bay** Being Koh Pha-Ngan's third scenic beach, Si Thanu Bay is located at Tambon Koh Pha-Ngan, 10 kilometers from Koh Pha-Ngan town. (Thong Sala) Swimming here is not recommended during the monsoon. To get there, take a taxi from Thong Sala at about 200-300 baht.

**Mae Hat Beach** is another scenic beach of Koh Pha-Ngan located at Ban Chalok Lam, 15 kilometers from Koh Pha-Ngan town hall. To get there, take a taxi from Thong Sala at about 50-100 baht.



**Giant Rubber Tree** is the country's second biggest tree with the circumference of about 14 meters. The tree is in Tambon Ban Tai, 5 kilometers from Koh Pha-Ngan town hall.

### **Transportation**

Thong Sala 20-30 baht each.

**The Bodhisattva Kuan Yin Shrine** is located at Ban Chalok Lam, 9 kilometers from Thong Sala. The island's scenery can be sighted here. To get there, take the Thong Sala-Ban Chalok Lam mini-bus at about 30 baht each.

